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›mething Happens
Laymen's Retreats

Archie N. Hook

Minister and Superintendent

No new organization was formulated—no constitution written—no program launched. "I don't know how to say it, but something has really happened to me here this weekend." In different ways man after man expressed himself in a similar manner.

What can a layman do on Sunday morning that is more important than attending his own church? Many ministers would give up if confronted by such a query; but those who had laymen in attendance at one of the recent weekend retreats, after conversing with such men, are happy to concede that something vital happened which apparently surpassed any average worship experience.

The retreats at N-Sid-Sen the last weekend in April and at the Associated Boy's Camp near North Bend on the first weekend in May were the first laymen's retreats to be held by the Laymen's Fellowship of our conference. The spontaneous and emphatic response of every man at these two retreats was that such laymen's retreats must be held at least once a year and more of our men must have the benefit of these mountain top experiences.

These two two-day retreats were planned by the laymen and conducted almost entirely by them. Dr. Wesley Hotchkiss of New York City, the Associate Director of the Town and Country Department of our Board of Home Missions, attended both retreats and made significant contributions in his presentations and as a resource person.

Old friendships were renewed and new friends were made. Experiences, ideas and information were shared and evaluated. Historic as well as current issues were discussed. Testimonies were given. A sense of personal and corporate concern was evident. However, the real value of these days spent apart will be known only as those who were present translate that which they heard and saw and felt in more dedicated and extended lives.

Was there ever a pastor who has not said, "Oh, if I only had more thoroughly committed, dedicated laymen." Many of our men are convinced that a well planned laymen's retreat is more apt to produce such men than several fine Sunday morning worship services.

Perhaps you read this page because you were interested in knowing what it was that happened at the Laymen's Retreats. No, I haven't told you, and like the man quoted above, I don't know, but the fact still remains that **something happened.** Ask some of the men who were present. They may have different answers, but they will vouch that something vital happened.

Let's Try a Summer Conference

"Living Together as Christians" is the program theme for the conferences to be held this summer, and each group will highlight the theme either through the worship periods, classes and discussions, or formal presentations. On the back cover of this issue is the schedule. There are opportunities for all age groups, and the conferences will be held at three camp sites—Camp N-Sid-Sen, located on Lake Coeur d'Alene; Deception Pass on Whidby Island; and Seabeck on Hood's Canal.

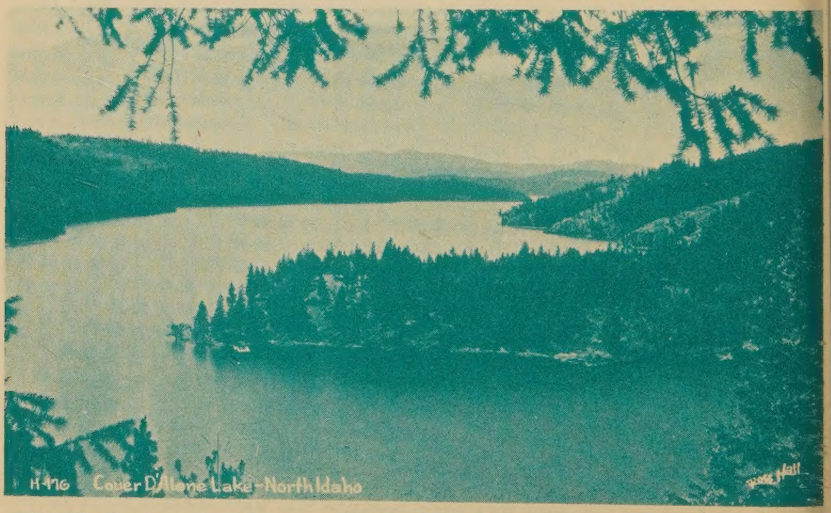
Purposes of Programs

In promoting our summer conferences we are seeking to help those who attend to gain courage and inspiration to live according to Christian standards; to share with persons from other churches who have the same aspirations and problems as themselves; through fellowship and recreation to develop new friendships, meet people of other races, cultures; to widen the horizon of those who share the experience; to study the implications of the Christian faith; to learn about the church and its program and get training for assuming leadership in the local group; and most of all, to provide an opportunity and encourage persons to make decisions for their life and commitment to the Christian way of life.

Junior Highs

Those entering grades 7, 8 and 9 next fall have two opportunities of camp this summer—one at N-Sid-Sen and one at Deception Pass.

The cost will be $15.00 room and board, and $2.50 registration which includes camper's insurance. Transportation costs will be additional.



The Conference owned camp site is Camp N-Sid-Sen, Place of Inspiration, located on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, near the Carlin Bay area. May be reached by traveling route A 95 off of U. S. 10.

Senior Highs

Those entering grades 10, 11 and
next fall, and spring graduates,
y go to N-Sid-Sen or Seabeck. The
st for the N-Sid-Sen period will be
5 room and board, $2.50 registra-
n.

Seabeck costs will be $20.00 room
d board; $2.50 registration, with
nsportation on ferry and bus extra.

Family Camp

The Family Camp will be held
ly at N-Sid-Sen, with a cost of
5 for the family, $2.00 registra-
n and 50¢ camper's insurance for
ch member of the family.

This camp is a combination vaca-
n and conference experience. A
heduled program occurs in the
rnings and early evening, other
riods are free time. Special pro-
am for children in mornings while
rents share in discussion groups.
ving arrangements are in cabins
d in family units; only 12 families
n be comfortably accommodated.
rly registration is urged.

Women's Fellowship

The week of August 2–9 is re-
rved for the Women's Fellowship.
ss Margaret Hargrove, Secretary
the National Fellowship, will be
est. Additional information as to
st and program may be secured
m Mrs. W. H. Harris, President
the Fellowship.

Church School Teacher's

Specializing in leadership train-
g, the Church School Teacher's
nference will again be held at
Sid-Sen from August 9–16. Two
atures of the program are to be
ted. Miss Grace Storms, Secretary
Children's Work of the Division
Christian Education, will be one
the leaders. She will teach a
urse on the development of reli-
ous concepts, and give special

Miss Grace Storms, Secretary of Children's Work, Division of Christian Education, will be special guest and leader for the Church School Teacher's Conference.

help to teacher's working in the junior department of the church school.

The fall materials of the Pilgrim Series curriculum will be available and attention will be directed toward their use in the local church.

There will also be classes in Bible study, departmental workshops, demonstration teaching, worship periods, recreation, campfires, and some special events during the week.

The cost will be $15.00 room and board; $2.50 registration. Children ages 1–6 will be charged $5; and children ages 7–11 will be charged $7.50 for the week.

The Conferences are sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. Requests for additional information and registrations should be mailed to Miss Christine Skelton, 720 14th Avenue North, Seattle 2.

News of the Churches

BLAINE . . .

Rev. Evan David reports the dedication of a baptismal font on Palm Sunday. The font was given in memory of Mrs. Albert Still. Following the dedication eight were baptized and eleven new members were received into the church.

LUMMI ISLAND . . .

After more than twenty years of disuse, the church at Lummi Island is being repaired and made ready for regular occupancy for the activities of the church program. A new roof has been put on. The building has been wired for lights; celotex walls and ceiling are beinginstalled in the lower room; and a new concrete approach to the front door has been put in—all by the men of the community in a series of work-bees.

For many years meetings were held in the homes of the people of the island. For the last several years now, services have been conducted in the Grange hall, with a good attendance of young people, as well as of adults.

No regular church school has been in operation for a long time, but it is planned that a school will be started by the month of May. Rev. W. Carl Calhoun of Bellingham has given ministerial leadership to the group.

WEST SEATTLE . . .

A new parsonage has been purchased by this congregation in preparation for their new minister, Rev. Roland Schlueter who arrives June 1. The old parsonage is now being used for their educational facilities.

ABERDEEN . . .

Rev. E. Forrest Byers of Cresco Iowa, arrived last month to begi his ministry in Aberdeen. We wel come him to our conference fellow ship and look forward to reports o progress from the church.

MONROE . , .

Rev. Ellen Bradley reports that thorough job of renovating and re decoration has taken place in Mon roe and the church was rededicate at a special service in March wit Dr. Claton Rice assisting in th service.

Many memorial gifts are part o the new chancel and church.

WARDEN . . .

Rev. Albert Hausauer of the Mar lin Krupp Zion church has als assumed the leadership of the Ward en church until another minister ca be secured.

OLUMBIA, Seattle . . .

om left to right: Beulah Golden, rma Herrick, Minnie Hastings, ssie Hall.

The Ladies Aid Society of this urch recently celebrated its six- eth anniversary. The group was ganized in 1892 when U. G. Mur- y was pastor and the church was Methodist church. The celebration as a colorful meeting at the par- nage. The ladies, some thirty-two them, came dressed in the styles 1890.

Mrs. George Hall won first prize d Mrs. Norma Herrick took second ize. Mrs. Minnie Hastings was the dy charter member present, and o daughters of charter members ere present. The minutes of the rly years of the Aid were read.

Rev. B. C. Herrick is minister of e church.

TIS ORCHARDS . . .

Rev. Howard Lehn reports items interest from the Otis Orchards church, showing a spirit of progress on the part of the congregation. A parsonage has been purchased on Harvard Road, a step that has been contemplated for sometime. The church has also started a Loan Library. A number of books have been purchased and members are being encouraged to loan good books to the church for a six month's period.

ODESSA, United . . .

The Rev. Emil Klein of the Walla Walla Zion church has accepted a call to the Odessa, United Church. He will begin his work on June 1.

WALLA WALLA . . .

The all church fellowship dinners have contributed much to the friendliness and information of church activities of First Church. The April 30th dinner honored members of the choir. Dr. Wesley Hotchkiss of the Town and Country Department was guest speaker.

Work continues on the facilities of Marcus House, and fellowship groups are concluding a year of many activities.

Rev. Kenneth Claypool is minister.

PASCO . . .

Recognition and installation services for the Rev. Paul Sutley were held on May 15. Mr. Sutley became minister of the Pasco church on March 1, coming from the church at Colfax.

PLUMMER . . .

Rev. Gerald Wilson reports the decision of the Plummer church to purchase a new parsonage instead of trying to remodel the old one, and that the financing of such a project will be done locally.

TACOMA, First . . .

Worship through symbolic movements was appropriately demonstrated by the rhythmic choir group of First Church at a special vesper service on May 4. This is the first group of this nature in the northwest, and is directed by Mrs. Chester Fisk, author of "The Art of the Rhythmic Choir."

Other recent activities included a spring jubilee, held the last of April. This event involved many people and brought fun and fellowship to many.

Rev. Chester Fisk has been minister of the church since last fall.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL

Representatives of churches of the area will share in the Northwest Regional meeting scheduled to meet at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, August 25–29. This is a time of inspiration and fellowship for people concerned with the work of the church. Coming at the last of August, the sessions provide preparation for the fall programs in local churches.

Dr. and Mrs. Stuart LeRoy Anderson of Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California will be special guests of the conference. Miss Ione Catton of The Missions Council will also share in the program, and leaders of the area will share in special interest groups.

Rev. Walter McGettigan, Beaverton, Oregon, is chairman of the meeting.

Pacific University is the only church related college on the west coast. Enjoyment of the campus and the college facilities adds to the sessions of the conference.

COLUMBIA BASIN FESTIVITIES

Late in May we shall see the birth of a great new agricultural empire in Washington. The waters of the Columbia, impounded and then lifted into new channels at the Coulee Dam, will for the first time travel through the great canals and the smaller laterals which have been built, out on to the dry soil of the Columbia Basin. Soon hundreds of new farms will begin to produce, and new towns will spring up on what are now barren wastes. To give due recognition to the pioneer planners and builders of the project a Columbia Basin Water Festival will be held for several days.

The Washington Council of Churches has been asked to sponsor a culminating church service. This service will be held on June 1, at 11:00 a.m., at the Cavalcade grounds near Soap Lake. Music will be furnished by choirs from throughout the state, children will place floral offerings at the altar, homing pigeons will be released to carry a message of peace and good will to distant places, and Dr. Perry Gresham of Detroit will deliver the sermon. A delayed broadcast will carry the service over the world.

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MERGER DECISION

On Monday, April 14, the Appellate Division of the New York courts reversed the Steinbrink decision of the merger trial by a vote of 4 to 1. The Cadman Memorial church of Brooklyn had brought action enjoining the General Council for its action in the proposed merger with Evangelical and Reformed churches. The stand of the Appellate Court nullifies the previous decision.

Part of the church membership class of 75 received into membership of the Federated Church, Kellogg, Idaho, at Easter. Rev. John Hanchett is minister.

Group of 102 new members received into Kirkland Congregational Church on Palm Sunday; 70 on Confession of faith, 32 by letter transfer and reaffirmation of faith. Rev. Ivan R. Smith is minister.

Highlights of Annual Meeting

Dean Lauer Becomes Moderator

Three of the National Leaders
Timmons, Widenhouse, Reissig

Compiling Seminar Reports

Philippine Exhibit

An Interest Group—Stewardship

Chaplain W. Carl Calhoun

Moderator David Julius
and Assistant John Bentley

Eager Response to Dinner Bell

Welcome 4 O'clock Break

Helps for Church Leaders

Warden Delegation
Checks Annual Reports

News Briefs

The Town and Country Committee sponsored this month a plan of visitation and fellowship between the rural and urban churches. Trade A Carfull" was the motto for Sunday, May 18, which was being celebrated as Rural Life Sunday across the nation. This plan provided opportunity for lay people to visit other churches and share in their services.

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The Rev. W. Carl Calhoun of Bellingham is author of the devotional guides that will be used in senior high conferences across the country this summer.

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The International Christian University in Japan had its formal opening on April 29, with an enrollment of 73. Dr. Hachiro Yuasa, former president of our own Doshisha University in Kyoto, is President of the University. The University is supported by most of the Protestant denominations and is another evidence of the work of Our Christian World Mission.

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Mr. A. C. Hausske is now serving as Business Manager of the University Christian Church, Seattle, but wishes it known that he is still available for speaking engagements in Congregational churches. Mr. and Mrs. Hausske are life appointees of The American Board, and served in China until political forces made it impossible for them to remain.

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A Planning Conference for officers and members of Conference Committees will be held at the Conference Home on June 3 and 4. Rev. Howard Schomer and Dr. Sidney Berry will be guest leaders.

The Rev. Howard F. Schomer o The American Board and the Con gregational Service Committee wil visit our conference from May 26- June 3. Mr. Schomer served as edu cator and ecumenical worker i western Europe dince 1946, wit a major portion of his work at the College Cevenol in the village o Chambon-sur-Lignon, France. As well as teaching, he worked with relief forces in distributing food and clothing in France, served as chaplain for the German prisoners- of-war in French camps, and served as consultant for Protestant church- es in Belgium, Italy, and Spain.

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The Rev. and Mrs. Larry Hender- son and family sailed this month for Africa to continue their work as mission evangelists in Angola. They were home on furlough, and many of our churches were privileged to have them visit and tell of their work.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Dr. Sidney M. Berry of London, England, Minister and Secretary of the International Congregational Council, will be guest of our conference from June 4—10.

The International Congregational Council was formed in order that Congregationalists in every part of the world might have a permanent organization to keep their churches in close and constant contact with each other and to provide a source of information to study the needs of the churches in the different countries. It promotes exchange visits between ministers, theological teachers and students, representatives of laymen's work, women's work and particularly youth work, so that its world fellowship may be made along every line of the church's program.

Dr. Berry has recently made a world tour which took nine months and carried him to five different countries. He will speak in a number of our churches and be guest leader for the Planning Conference to be held at the Conference Home.

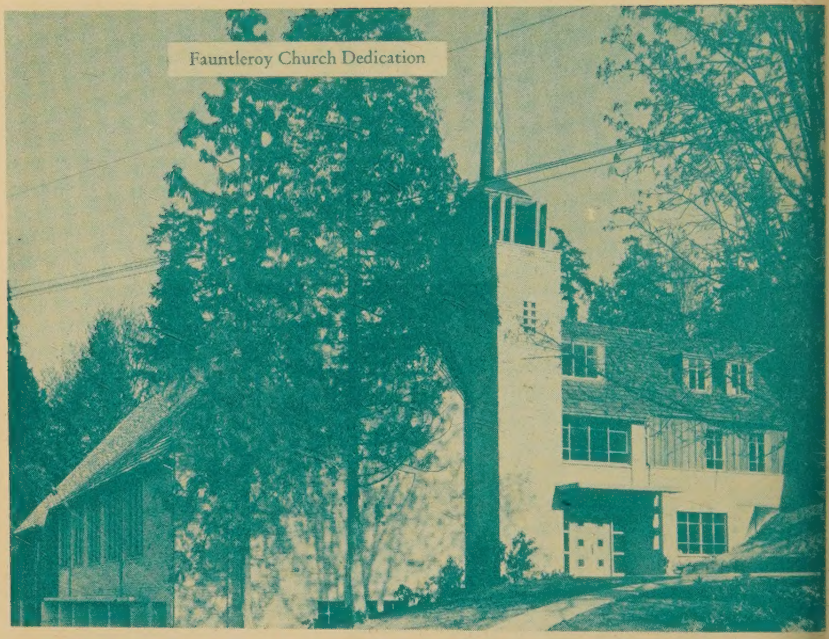
Dr. Sidney M. Berry

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP REPORTS PROGRESS

With an attendance of 250 the Pilgrim Fellowship Conference convened at Fauntleroy Church the weekend of April 18—20, for its annual meeting. Dr. Wesley Hotchkiss of New York and the Town and Country Department was guest speaker. Six Association groups have been organized and a total of seven meetings held during the year. The group raised more than $900 this year for Our Christian World Mission, with many participating in the Work Day for Christ and Youth Week observances.

Officers elected for the year include, Bruce Forbes, Alki, President; Janet Zimmerman, Olivet, Secretary; Eddie Gear, Vancouver, Treasurer; Eleanor Snyder, Magnolia, Personal Action Chairman; Janet Spencer, Cheney, Social Action Chairman; Diane Williams, West Seattle, Missionary Action Chairman; and Diana Mathewson, Fauntleroy, Interdenominational chairman.

Delegates to the National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship this summer are Boy Hoyle, Olivet; Rod Williams, Alki; Diana Mathewson, Fauntleroy; and Bruce Forbes, Alki.



Significant services for a most unique church will be held on Sunday, May 25, at four o'clock, when friends will join with members of the Fauntleroy Church in dedicating its new sanctuary and educational building. The uniqueness of the church is displayed in the architecture which not only blends with the natural setting, but capitalizes on its beauty to enrich the sanctuary and education building. Unique also in the number of hours of volunteer labor which have made possible a saving in building costs of $35,000.

The small chapel where the congregation worshipped for many years has been kept and continues to be used for weddings and small group meetings. Combining forces with the recreational center, this church is indeed a community enterprise.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held in May 1950, and the first services in the new sanctuary were on December 16, 1951.

A stone facing enhances the new sanctuary and blends with the rustic appearance of the chapel and gymn. Robert Durham and associates of Seattle served as architects. Total cost of the new facilities will exceed $225,000.

Present membership of the church is 500 and the church school has grown from an enrollment of 466 in 1950 to an enrollment this year of 611.

An open house will follow the dedication service at five o'clock, and persons will be given an opportunity of seeing the facilities and becoming acquainted with the program of the church.

Rev. A. M. Lusk is minister of the church.

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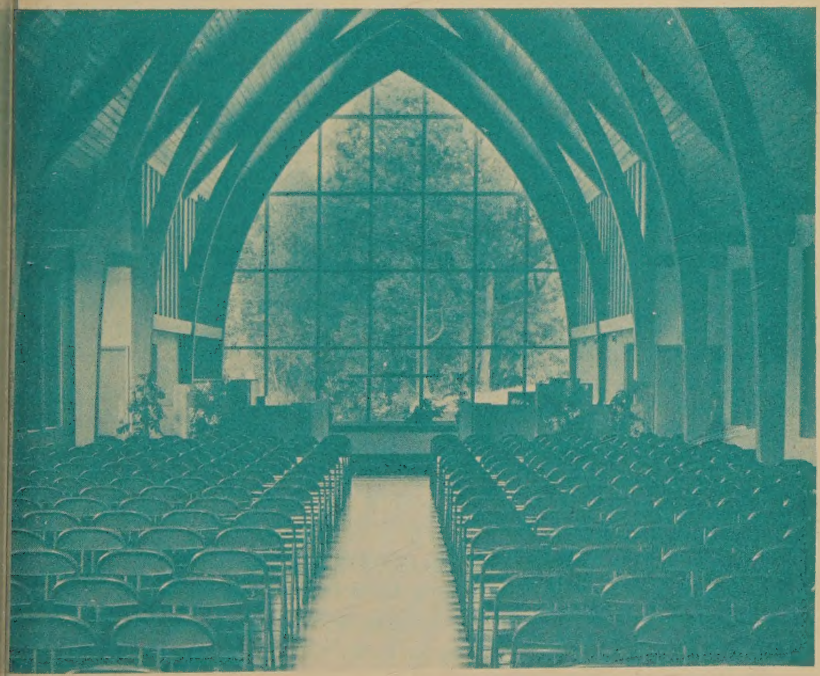
sts some $35,000.

Robert Durham, second from right, architect for new church, assists in getting library ready for inspection.



se of clear glass in chancel enables sanctuary to capture beauty of natu-
l ravine at back of church, and provides an atmosphere of quiet dignity
r the worshipper.

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JUNIOR HIGH CONFERENCES . . .

Camp N-Sid-Sen, Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
July 12—19; Rev. Elmer Nourse, Dean

Deception Pass, Whidby Island, Washington
August 3—10; Rev. Robert Owen, Dean

SENIOR HIGH CONFERENCES . . .

Camp N-Sid-Sen, Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
July 19—26; Rev. Carl Baird, Dean

Seabeck, Hood's Canal
August 18—25; Rev. Paul Pruitt, Dean

FAMILY CAMP . . .

Camp N-Sid-Sen, Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
July 26—August 2; Rev. George Halstead, Dean

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CAMP . . .

Camp N-Sid-Sen, Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
August 2—9

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER'S CONFERENCE . . .

Camp N-Sid-Sen, Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
August 9—16; Rev. John Hanchett, Dean

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